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MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

December 15, 2006

I am pleased to present to the Indian Nations of Montana the 2006 Tribal Relations Report. The Report provides a window through which we can see the enormous amount of cooperative work occurring between the State of Montana and Tribal governments and populations. In 2005, I promised that government-to-government relations with Indian Tribes would be a priority for my administration. As this year's Report makes clear, the State is meeting that goal in areas ranging from economic development to environmental stewardship. The Report is presented to all of Montana's Tribal governments in fulfillment of the requirements of House Bill 608, sponsored by Representative Jonathan Windy Boy in 2003. Representative Windy Boy's bill formalized the principle and integrity of the government-to-government relationship between the State and the Indian Nations of Montana.

The 2006 Report includes brief descriptions of exceptional programs by various state agencies, with additional material available in two cross-referenced appendices. There are nearly 300 active programs with tribal governments and populations, representing millions of dollars in funding and expertise. The report includes information on the State's efforts to improve consultation and coordination with Indian Tribes, programs and activities that impact tribal governments, and programs and activities that impact Indian populations generally.

Many dedicated staff members contributed to the development of this publication. I believe you will find their attention to detail, accuracy, and thoughtfulness evident in the format and narrative. I hope that you find this report to be a useful reference tool as well as an annual record commemorating cooperative accomplishments between the State of Montana and the Indian Nations of Montana.

Brian Schweitzer Governor

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